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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1891. [4
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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th Sept, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 6th Sept. will be at the risk of the owners.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1891.

THE CASE OF TURNER v. BOMANJE, tried in the Summary Court on the 2nd inst. before Mr. E. J. ACKROYD, Acting Puisne Judge, is one of more than ordinary public interest, as the decision arrived at would appear to place no reasonable limit on the responsibility of employers for the losses of their irresponsible servants. The plaintiff is a policeman in the Naval Dockyard, the defendant a well-known and highly respected sharebroker, and on the 9th of June last the latter's private ricksha ran into a public vehicle of the same description, in which the plaintiff was seated, nearly opposite the Supreme Court-house. According to the evidence, Mr. Bomanje's ricksha was being propelled down D'Aguiar Street, and in turning the corner into Queen's Road it collided with the plaintiff's hired vehicle, the shafts striking the plaintiff, breaking four of his ribs and bruising him more or less severely. Plaintiff, in consequence of the accident, was confined in the Naval Hospital for forty-one days, and he sued for \$1000 as damages for injuries sustained, caused, as alleged in the statement of claim, by the negligence of defendant or his servants.

There cannot be the slightest doubt but that both plaintiff and defendant are entitled to public sympathy. It was certainly hard lines on the plaintiff that by no fault of his own and through no apparent contributory negligence, he should have suffered so severe a shock and painful injuries involving such serious consequences as forty-one days confinement in Hospital; and it was, in a sense, equally hard on defendant that he should be held legally liable in relatively heavy damages for an unfortunate contretemps over which he could not possibly have had any personal control, and which, if evidence means anything at all, was a pure accident. The defendant, it was admitted, had exhibited considerable solicitude for the injured man, and out of good feeling and in order to avoid trouble and litigation had actually offered compensation. He could not have done more, and notwithstanding the result of the trial we cannot but think that it was under the circumstances injudicious to bring such a case into court.

Mr. E. J. ACKROYD is such a careful and painstaking judge that it is with the utmost reluctance we venture to impugn his decision on this occasion; but we are really bound to say that we fail to find the slightest justification for his lordship's decision that negligence had been clearly proved. What was the negligence and where did it come in? Has the Acting Puisne Judge ever been propelled down D'Aguiar Street, or any other similar incline, in a ricksha? If not he should try the experiment, when he will find that instead of rushing down the street at reckless speed the coolies invariably do their utmost to "put on the brake." And in this instance defendant stated, and his statement was not controverted by any evidence deserving serious consideration, that the coolies were proceeding at an ordinary pace and that the accident happened after turning the corner into Queen's Road. It is true that another witness, a police constable who was in a ricksha in front of plaintiff's at the time of the occurrence, swore that defendant's vehicle came down the hill at a very fast pace; but considering that this expert estimated the rate of speed at about 14 miles an hour, and when it is remembered that no man living, not even the once famous long-distance runner DEERROOT, when thoroughly trained and with every wind in his favor, has ever yet covered 12 miles inside the hour, we venture to think that his evidence was utterly valueless, and we cannot imagine what defendant's lawyer could have been thinking about to allow such nonsense to pass unchallenged. A couple of Chinese coolies, propelling a ricksha with a man of ordinary weight as passenger, might probably for a short journey and on a level road attain a speed of seven miles per hour, but to talk of them dashing along at the steamboat rate of 14 miles from the junction of D'Aguiar and Wellington Streets to the Hongkong Club is a simple absurdity. Besides, if this witness was just in front of plaintiff's ricksha when the collision occurred, he must have seen the wonderful facility of being able to see round corners, and that perhaps explains the optical delusion of 14 miles an hour.

The law on the subject would seem to be clear enough. It was, we opine, necessary to prove negligence on the part of his coolies to make defendant legally responsible. If such evidence was put in, it does not appear in the published reports of the trial; however, the Judge decided otherwise, and awarded plaintiff \$350 and costs. Assuming that plaintiff had sustained fatal injuries, would defendant, who had about as much to do with causing the accident as the man in the moon, have been held liable for manslaughter? Supposing Mr. Bomanje, like the plaintiff, had been in a public vehicle with 'outside' coolies, would he still have been responsible for any act of carelessness on their part? The question at issue as to the responsibility of employers in cases of this nature is so important that it might even be worth while, whilst fully recognizing the uncertainty of such a proceeding, to appeal against the Acting Puisne Judge's decision, and it is rather to be regretted that defendant failed to avail himself of the privilege of having the case originally tried by a jury. Meanwhile it would seem to be the duty of the authorities to insist on the shafts of all rickshas being guarded so as to prevent the possibility of such accidents, and also to take active steps to remove the disgraceful inefficiency of the regulation of ricksha traffic in the crowded centres of the city.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

LONDON, August 28th.
The continuous rainstorms are ruining the crops both in England and Ireland.

THE CANADIAN CENSUS.

The recent census of Canada shows an increase of half a million in the last decade.

MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

September 3rd.

The Emperor of Germany and General von Capri have left to be present at the Austrian manoeuvres. They will be met by the Emperor of Austria and Count G. Kaloky.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hongkong cricketers will leave for Shanghai by the steamship *Taiyang* on Tuesday next.

THERE is one good feature about a spider that many men lack—there are no flies on it.

ANNUAL general meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, on Monday, the 7th inst. Business, general.

ANGELINA—The man I marry must be handsome, brave, and clever. Tomkins—Dear me! How fortunate we have met.

AT Sydney last month, in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, a Mr. Lamb married a Miss Mutton. Happy woman, thus to renew her youth!

HARMON'S circus opened at Pansy yesterday and, of course, will show in India before paying China a visit. This may eventuate a few months hence.

A LONDON firm in advertising a pair of 12s. 6d. trousers offers this additional inducement to purchasers—"These trousers have been worn continuously for the last twelve years."

WONG TAY, a hawker by profession but the keeper of common gambling houses according to the police, had to pay \$25 for the privilege this morning.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carhill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Chiffon*, from Glasgow, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port.

IT is reported on good authority that a real live "holic man" has been discovered in the vicinity of Spring Gardens. Can't be "Brewster," we wonder!

FOR assaulting E. O. Yan Lin no less than fifteen native coolies were docked the Magistrate to-day, but the case was adjourned until Wednesday, bail being allowed.

IN view of a recent magazine article on "The Modernity of Nature," it has been remarked that the trees have now taken their summer clothes out of their trunks, and covered their bare limbs with them.

WHAT'S in a motto? Nothing much, perhaps, but it is a little curious that while Sir William Gordon-Gumming boasts the device "Sine Pene" the Wilson escutcheon has "Semper Vigilans" engraved upon it.

Mrs. Newman—I find a husband's attentions are a good deal like breakfast.
Mrs. Lamb—How so, dear?
Mrs. Newman—Before marriage they are overdone; after it, they are very rare!

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Doy Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30.

A FEW years ago an Adelaide parson and temperance lecturer made a fortune by investments in mining stock. Not satisfied with his "pile," he started as a broker, and also invested a large sum in a brewery, throwing up his church. Now he is a brewery clerk at \$3 a week.

Mrs. PLOTTER—George you were talking in your sleep last night.
Her Husband—Er—no—my dear, you must be mistaken. I—anyway—
Mrs. Plotter—Any way, I want \$20 for a new dress. (She gets it.)

THE Spanish Consul has received a telegram from Manila announcing that there is a depression in the far distant Pacific Ocean, somewhere to the N.W. of Luzon.

TWO men Sin Chik and Wu Shik Kai who are charged with kidnapping a girl named Kwok Wan Hoo for purposes of prostitution, were again remanded for a week by Mr. Wise to-day.

THE body of the girl who was drowned through the accident which occurred on Tuesday last, when a sampan was accidentally fouled by the propeller of the *Thalia*, was found at Yau-ma-tai this morning.

SIX Celestials were run in this morning by Inspector Mann on a charge of keeping a common gambling house at 335 Queen's Road. The reputed "Boss" was fined \$25 and the balance \$5 each.

WE would direct the attention of the Government to the present disgraceful state of the Shan-ki-wan road. As this is a favorite drive during the summer evenings it would be well to have the necessary repairs effected at once.

OGGIS Christasamy, hailing from Mauritius but of no particular address or occupation just now, was sent to prison for three days by the Magistrate this morning for going on the "drunk." It is presumed that at least half of this term was inflicted on account of the prisoner's name.

CLYDE CLIFT, an engineer belonging to the steamer *Glenloch*, whose attempted suicide was reported on Wednesday was up before Mr. A. G. Wise this morning and was discharged with a few words of sensible advice which it is to be hoped the defendant will bear in mind. He will be sent on to Shanghai to join his ship.

THINGS were lively at the Police Court to-day when no less than 143 "squatters" took the line for neglecting to take out the necessary license. About half the number put in the plea of poverty, but when they found that they had no alternative but to fork out, most of them did manage to find the desired Mexican stowed away in odd corners of their apparel.

WILLIAM THOMAS, a fireman belonging to the steamer *Crown of Aragon*, was charged at the instance of Captain Durwood with having refused duty on board that boat. The defendant explained that as he had no suitable clothing it was impossible for him to work. Mr. Wise didn't see it apparently for he inflicted the severe and what seems somewhat harsh sentence of three weeks' imprisonment. Of course the usual alternative (a fine of \$7) was allowed, but how would it be possible for a man who claimed that he had no clothes, to find \$7?

WILLIAM COLSTON, at one time a member of the Hongkong Public Works Department, was tried at Melbourne on July 20th for the murder, on the 21st of February last, of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davis at Narbethong, Victoria. The only defence raised was that of insanity. The jury found the prisoner guilty of wilful murder, that he was not insane at the time of the murder and was perfectly sane now. Mr. Justice Molesworth passed sentence of death, but promised to state a case for the judges of the Supreme Court as to the legal accuracy of his definition to the jury of the word "insane," which had been challenged by counsel.

NIRL McCOLL and William Hegen, privates in the 9th Regiment, were charged before Mr. Wise with disorderly conduct and assaulting P. C. Uiter Sij. NirL admitted having looked upon the wing when it was red, but could remember nothing of the alleged assault. Hegen, however, was seen making off by a "death or glory" rate, and was "chivvied" by a "bobby" who had seen something of the affair. Speed favored William for a time, but unluckily for him there was an uncovered hole in Pottinger Street into which he fell, and of course was captured. NirL paid five dollars for his escapade and his chum two.

ALL the young "bloodes" of the town will be delighted to learn that it is now permissible to "spank" a refractory "boy" at the trifling cost of five cents. At least so Mr. Wise decided this morning in the cross case of Mr. H. B. Pike and Leung Chai Hol. The latter was a servant at the mess of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and it seems that he preferred quietly resting in a chair to performing some order that Mr. Pike had given him, but which the "boy" contended was not within the line of his "piddig." The frate Pike then went to the charge and smacked the rebellious one over the ear a couple of times. Leung defended himself valiantly with his foot and by a dexterous manipulation of his *quinn*, but the pace was too hot to last and Leung ran, leaving Mr. P. master of the situation. The "boy" was fined \$5 for disobeying the order, and Pike five cents for the assault.

WHILE coming down in the tram last evening Mr. W. Legge met with a very serious accident, and one which is perhaps not devoid of danger even now. He had been up to a garden-party in the vicinity of Mount Everest or Mount Ararat, and was returning home with some friends. From what we can gather it seems that he went to the assistance of a lady who desired to alight at the Bowen Road stopping-place, but missing his footing he fell out of the carriage and rolled a considerable distance down the hill. He was eventually assisted into the carriage again by some of the passengers, and fortunately Doctor Harling was awaiting the tram at the terminus and had Mr. Legge conveyed in a chair to the Government Civil Hospital, where he now lies. His injuries are very severe, having his collar-bone, shoulder-blade and three ribs broken, besides several wounds and bruises about the head and body.

AN Australian paper in speculating upon the reported marriage of Mrs. Brown Potter and Mr. "Curly" Bellow whilst on their Eastern tour, takes up the grid-iron and strums as below:—

Mrs. P. and Kyrie Bellow,
Is this pretty story true?
Have you joined hearts and hands
Far away in foreign lands?
Are you, tell us, madam, pray,
Sworn to honour and obey,
Kyrie of the grizzled locks,
Gushing voice, and alien socks?
Tell us truly, Mister K,
Have you pitched yourself away—
Have you gone and said "I will"?
Better to be single still,
When there's nothing left to gain?
Why then, make, when once you've got her,
Mr. Bellow of Mrs. Potter's
Follows say there's life in life
Hugging someone else's wife;
But they say the pleasure's flown
If you have to buy your own.
Cupid lingers, arful thing!
Near you till you buy the ring;
Ere that ring begins to wear
Cupid's gone—he isn't there.

"I WANT to pay this bill," said the cynical globe trotter to the Hotel clerk; "but I think you have made a slight error here in my favour. I've been looking over the extras, and I cannot find that you have charged anything for telling me you thought it might rain last night."

At the Reception.—
Black—Did you have enough to eat?
Brown—No. Went to the table four times, but there was a man there who was making such a hog of himself that I was ashamed to eat all I wanted.

"I THINK, ASOO," said the Missis, only very recently married, after a careful study of the market list, "that we will have some oel for the second course to-night." "How much, Missessee," asked the "boy." "I think, Asoo, that ten yards can do," was the startling response.

"PAPA," inquired the editor's only son, "what do you call your office?"
"Well," was the reply, "the world calls an editor's office the *sanctum sanctorum*, but I don't."
"Then, I guess," and the boy was thoughtful for a moment, "that mamma's office is a *sanctum sanctorum*, isn't it?"

AMONG the many delightful *bon mots* of James Henderson Connolly, the novelist, one of the best and one that will come home to an army of good fellows in Hongkong is the following. "The chief charm of intoxication lies in the fact that it converts evidence into a series of vistas of infinite beauty immured between great, gray walls of absolute oblivion!"

SUUM CUQUE.

Miss Angles—Is it not a wise dispensation of Heaven that the strong winds which disarrange our raiment blow dust into the eyes of the wicked men who would profit from our confusion?
Miss Plumper—Not at all. I think it's real hard on the boys.

OLD DON BASILLO drinks off a glass of wine with great relish, smacks his lips and says: "And there are fools in the world who say wine is too strong to drink alone. It does me good." Dona Ana (his wife)—"My dear, I have put water in your wine regularly for the last fifteen years." Don Basilio (with impressive wrath)—"Adulterated my wine! Fifteen years! Adulterated!"

ARE you troubled with an encarnated proboscis? "Then daily steep your nose for some time in warm water. The pores of the skin being thoroughly opened, then apply, for an hour, a thick plaster of ordinary wheat-flour and water. After a week of this treatment 'the nose loses its purple or flame-colour hue, and becomes pink and healthy.' We commend this course to all whom it may concern. It would be invidious to mention names."

A SILVER mine in Colorado is about to be worked by electricity. The mine is at the top of a mountain about 2000 feet high, and the carrying up of coal has hitherto been a very serious item of expense. It is the intention of the mining company to utilise a waterfall at the foot of the mountain, where an electric plant to generate 100-horse-power will be placed. The power will be transmitted thence to the motors at the summit of the mountain, and the mining operations will be conducted wholly by electricity.

THE New Cavalry Regulations have lately been published. The principal one that the price of the gallop is to be increased from 12 to 15 miles an hour; and that what have hitherto been known as "divisions" are to be called "troops," and that in column the rear rank is to be only half a horse's length from the front rank, dropping back when in line to one horse's length. Under these Regulations a squadron may be divided into three or four "troops," the strength of these "troops" has not yet been settled, but they are to be either 12 or 16 file, according to the number of men in the ranks. The "double column" has disappeared from the drill-book, and it is under consideration whether half sections cannot also be done away with. The term "man" has been substituted in lieu of squadron columns at close intervals, the interval being two horses' lengths. Various changes have also been introduced in the words of command.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Meeting, to be held on Thursday, September 17th, 1891, at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Directors have now the pleasure to lay before the shareholders a statement of the Company's Accounts for the year ended April 30th last.

The net premium earned amount to \$721,507.47, as against \$655,507.45 collected during the previous twelve months.

The working account shows a balance at credit of \$504,180.00, which the Directors recommend be appropriated in the following manner:—

A dividend of 18 per cent. to shareholders.....\$108,000.00

A dividend of 15 per cent. to contributors.....\$100,000.00

or not.....\$100,000.00

To be transferred to Reserve Fund.....\$50,000.00

To be carried to New Account.....\$45,180.00

\$504,180.00

With the above addition will amount to \$700,000.00.

SHANGHAI BRANCH.

Since the issue of last Report, Branches of the Company have been established at the above ports, and the management of the former entrusted to Mr. A. S. Garth and the latter to Mr. J. Whitall.

DIRECTORS.
Messrs. C. F. Rowland and M. Pargill have retired from the Board owing to their departure from the colony and Messrs. J. Thurnburn and B. Schmecker have accepted invitations from the Directors to fill the vacancies.
These appointments will require the confirmation of the shareholders.
Messrs. J. Thurnburn and L. Poeschner retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
The annual accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

L. POTESCHNER, Chairman.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1891.

CHINESE GAMBLING IN SYDNEY.

A CHAT WITH AN EX-GAMBLER.
The constabulary department, says a correspondent of the Sydney *Sunday Times*, has been taking great kudos to itself, and the daily Press in true sycophant fashion has not been slow to follow the lead and ladle out an additional bucketful or two of adulatory alous concerning the arrests made on Saturday week at Ah Plug's gambling hell. On more than one occasion we have felt it to be our duty to direct the attention of the police to the existence in this city of various dens of iniquity.

and as a result have had the satisfaction of seeing some of them either swept away or broken up; although it must be admitted that this end was only brought about after repeated returns by us to the attack. Why it is that the policemen who are specially retained and salaried to perform what may be regarded as one of the most useful services in the community—should have to be continually spurred into taking action to put down vice and crime, is a social problem for which there appears to be no answer. Yet the great fact remains. It has been common property for a very long time past, and attention has been very frequently drawn, to it in these columns, that some of the most loathsome and hideous characters have been carried on, and are nightly to be witnessed in but too many of the apparently harmless-looking nick-nack and tobacco shops kept by celestials. How very seldom, however, one hears of the majesty of the law being asserted to crush out the damning influence of these places. Time after time we have placed before the public authentic accounts of scenes witnessed in Sydney which might well put to shame our claims to civilization and Christianity, and have called upon the "powers that be" to do something towards checking the progress of the wave of destruction that has been advancing, but to very little purpose so far as

WAKING UP THE POLICE seems concerned. Inaction—masterly inaction—seems to sit well on some men's shoulders. What shall be said of the efficiency of a presumably trained body of men whose chief officer admits that it took him some months to mature and carry into execution his plans for successfully effecting (with a force of twenty men at his disposal) the capture of a few light wooden palitons guarded only by a couple of puny pagans, and once within to place under arrest some 40 or 50 scared Jarjins and half-bred clerks, so completely unopposed by the sudden invasion that they could scarcely offer resistance? This, nevertheless, is the courageous, daring act of heroism performed a week ago in Lower George-street, over which the morning papers have gone into paroxysms of admiration. The awkward question will arise, however, why have past heroes of this class, and this particular one among the number, been permitted to remain so long unmolested. With these and kindred reflections upon his mind a representative lost no time in ferreting out on Monday last a person who it was known possessed considerable information on the subject in hand, and who, to his sorrow, passed more of his time than was profitable in the company of the "heavenly Chinese." Readily complying with the request for enlightenment as to the magnitude of the gambling evil in the quarter of the city just mentioned, he led off by saying, "Yes, there are about

40 NOTORIOUS GAMING HOUSES in Lower George-street, carried on, so far as outward appearance goes, by Chinese shops, but Ah Plug's (as it is better known, 'Fay Lee's') is the most extensive of the lot. The other 39 are more or less noted, from Sam Kee's and Wing Sing Lee's (familiarly known as 'Yank') down to Hui Kee's, where the pastime is principally carried on by newspaper boys, who are the most regular habitués of the shop. Han Kee also does a good business in the retail opium line, the supplying drug being dispensed across the counter in small or large quantities to suit the requirements of the customer. The fan-tan department here is reached by proceeding along a dark passage and down a kind of stair into a cellar-like room, a room that is dark and which are ranged at intervals small wooden cells, the sleeping and smoking places of some 20 or 30 Chinamen. In the middle of the floor is the gaming table, and around this almost any evening after 8 o'clock may be found boys of from 10 years upwards wagering the pennies earned by them in the sale of papers in the streets, and graduating for

A CRIMINAL LIFE.
"Any special feature connected with any other of these shops?" we enquired.
"Oh, yes," by-the-by, I had almost forgotten to mention Sing Lee's table, which would have been a pity. It is a very odd spot. There are such a tough crowd who frequent it that the only customers who find their way into the den are those who are dragged there by 'pimps' kept for the purpose. As a rule, the victims are either colored men off the foreign boats in harbor or other strangers to the city, and God help them once they get into the hands of the 'touts.' Then it is that the latter make their 'little bit' as they call it. The touts play small money, while their dupes play high, and of course whatever advantage the crookier can give—and he can do more of that than is generally believed—the gamblers the players who play low. Result? The touts win, and the strangers are fleeced."

Our reporter was assured that there are several of these "pimps," or professional decoys, attached to every Chinese gambling house, and that they have the character of not being above appropriating any loose articles belonging to their masters, it is not difficult to guess what sort of a time a new chum with a few loose pounds in his pocket and a few glasses of grog in his inside will have with them when opportunity offers.

IT was ascertained that amongst the gentry who hang around Chin-town and grovel to the yellowskins for an existence, in preference to honest work, are certain individuals, who are recognized, not so early through the names attached to them in baptism by their godfathers and godmothers, as by more lately acquired titles, such as "Ginger," "Possum," "Snelder," "Fritchy," and (to complete the outfit of his disguise) a creature known

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1891.

Commercial.

THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, September 5th. During the past week business on "the Rialto" has been almost entirely confined to three stocks—Banks, China and Japans, and Imuris. In those specialties some very considerable transactions have been put through.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank scrip is in decidedly better odour than was the case when we last wrote. Early in the week a goodly number of shares were bought at 172 for cash and 173 for delivery on the 25th instant, and the demand continuing, the rate rose to 175 for the settlement, but even at that figure shares have been difficult to obtain. A very large business, however, was arranged at 176 and 177 for December 25th. To-day the stock is firmer, and shares are difficult to get at 175 for cash.

Extensive orders from the North for shares of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, led to numerous inquiries, and transfers to a large extent have been made at 15 for cash, and also at the same rate for delivery on December 25th.

Imuris stock has been, as was to be expected in view of recent events, the medium of numerous investments, speculative and otherwise. In the beginning of the week the general tendency was towards depression, but almost constant telegraphic inquiries from Shanghai managed to fairly maintain the old rate. Shares have changed hands at from 6½ to 8, and there are now cash buyers at 7. We repeat our advice of last week regarding this stock—wait and watch.

Notwithstanding the presumed good news from London regarding the formation of a new company there to take over and work on joint account a portion of the Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin's concession on Hongay Island, "Charbonnages" have been absolutely neglected, and in other stocks nothing calling for special reference has been reported.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 175 per cent. prem., Ex. all, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$66½ per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$112 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$317 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$86½ per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$90 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33½ per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—60 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$65 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$41 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$168 per share, sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$60 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$86 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, ex. div., buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$113 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
 Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$31 per share, sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$0.80 per share, buyers.
 Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$72 per share, sellers.
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$47 per share, sellers.
 Crickbank & Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Steam Branch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms, Fire and Building Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$10 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$76 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
 The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 The Jebeu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$34 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, sellers.
 The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$15 per share, sales and sellers.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, £145 per share, nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—£17, sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—70 per cent. dis., buyers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$170 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T.3/2
 Bank Bills, on demand3/2½
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...3/2½
 Credits at 4 months' sight3/3½
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight3/3
 ON PARIS—
 Bank, Bills, on demand4.02
 Credits, at 4 months' sight4.11
 On India, T. T.221½
 On Demand221½
 ON SHANGHAI—
 Bank, T. T.72½
 Private, 30 days' sight72½

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Saghalien*, with the French mail of the 7th ultimo, left Singapore on the 2nd instant at 6 a.m. and may be expected here on the 9th.
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ultimo, *via* Honolulu, left Yokohama on the 4th instant and may be expected here on the 9th.
 THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Parthia*, with the next Canadian mail, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 4th instant for Shanghai and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Hankow* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 1st instant and may be expected here on the 7th.
 The D. D. R. steamer *Electra* left Singapore on the 4th instant and is due here on the 10th.
 The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Hamshire*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 21st ultimo and may be considered due at Penang on or about the 10th instant.
 The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kaisow*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 2nd instant and may be considered due at Singapore on the 20th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Colombo on the 20th ultimo at daylight.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Brindisi* left London for this port on the 28th ultimo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff, 4th Sept.,—Sourabaya 24th August, Sugar and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PROMETHEUS, British steamer, 1,492, Webster, 4th September,—Shanghai 1st September, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 CYCLOPS, British steamer, 1,365, Hugh Nish, 5th Sept.,—Singapore 30th Aug., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 ARDGAY, British steamer, 1,110, J. Thom, 5th Sept.,—Wuhu and Woosung, 31st August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 CHI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,212, C. R. Null, 5th Sept.,—Canton 5th Sept., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 MACDUFF, British steamer, 1,882, E. Porter, 5th Sept.,—Amoy 4th September, General.—Dodwell, Carill & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Venelia, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Della, French steamer, for Holhow, &c.
Kong Bang, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Dardanus, British steamer, for Amoy.
Prometheus, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Cyclops, British steamer, for Yokohama.
Fokien, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Holstein, German steamer, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

September 5, *Ardgay*, British str., for Canton.
 September 5, *Vrona*, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.
 September 5, *Kong Bang*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

September 5, *Venelia*, British str., for Singapore, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVALS.

Per *Cyclops*, str., from Singapore.—51 Chinese.
 Per *Ardgay*, str., from Wuhu, &c.—10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Devawongse* reports that she left Sourabaya on the 24th ultimo. Experienced moderate southerly winds and strong south-west monsoon, with squalls off Cape Padaran. The latter part of the voyage met with variable easterly winds with rain.

The British steamship *Cyclops* reports that she left Singapore on the 30th ultimo. From Singapore to Paracels had strong monsoon from northward of Paracels, and had moderate easterly winds with heavy squalls and much rain. On the 2nd instant, spoke the ship *Canara*, in lat. 13 north and long. 112 east, all well.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Taiyuan* on Monday, the 7th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki.—Per *Cyclops* on Monday, the 7th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Singapore, Mauritius, Port Natal, East London, Port Elizabeth, and Cape Town.—Per *Crown of Arragon* on Monday, the 7th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygam, 2nd Sept.,—Pakhoi 31st August, and Holhow 1st Sept., General.—A. R. Marty.
 BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,99, F. Susini, 29th August,—Bombay 11th August, and Singapore 23rd, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 CAMELOT, British steamer, 369, H. Peters, 4th Sept.,—Amoy 27th August, Ballast.—Master.
 CONTINENTAL, Dutch steamer, 671, C. Schall, 3rd September,—Bangkok 26th August, Rice.—Wieler & Co.
 CROWN OF ARRAGON, British steamer, 1,485, J. Darward, 1st Sept.,—Fochow 30th Aug., Tea.—Order.
 DARDANUS, British steamer, 1,507, Purdy, 2nd Sept.,—Liverpool 17th July, and Singapore 27th August, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 DECIMA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 31st August,—Sourabaya 21st Aug., Sugar.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 EMPRESS OF INDIA, British steamer, 3,003, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 20th August,—Vancouver 29th July, Yokohama 13th, and Shanghai 17th, General.—Dodwell, Carill & Co.
 FOKTEN, British steamer, 509, W. Davis, 4th Sept.,—Tamsui 31st August, Amoy 2nd Sept., and Swatow 3rd, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
 KUTSANG, British str., 1,495, W. Hall Jackson, 1st Sept.,—Calcutta 16th August, Penang 23rd, and Singapore 27th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MONKSEATON, British steamer, 1,892, J. N. Beazley, 27th August,—Saigon 21st August, General.—Dodwell, Carill & Co.
 TAI-YUAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, 31st August,—Kobe (Japan) 26th Aug., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 YIKSANG, British steamer, 317, Galesworthy, 1st Sept.,—Manila 28th August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

CARL FRIEDRICH, German ship, 2,042, H. Fröhlich, 5th July,—Cardiff 21st March, Coals.—Melchers & Co.
 ELSE, German ship, 1,375, Th. Pflieger, 5th August,—Cardiff 9th March, Coal.—Siemens & Co.
 HARVARD, American bark, 986, L. A. Colcord, 27th August,—Shanghai 11th August, Ballast.—Order.
 IRIS, British sch., 206, Shaw, 31st August,—Geraldton, W.A., 1st August, Sandalwood.—Order.
 ISABEL, Norwegian ship, 1,260, S. Hegge, 18th August,—Shanghai 1st August, Ballast.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
 JESSONDA, German bark, 883, Aug. Oesselmann, 29th July,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 24th May, Coals.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 KITTY, British bark, 803, Wilson, 21st July,—Singapore 7th July, Timber.—D. Musso.
 MARIA, Spanish schooner, 51, Francisco Oloneo, 9th July,—Manila 18th June, Ballast.—Master.
 MARIE BERG, German bark, 536, H. Hindrichs, 26th August,—Whampoa 25th August, General.—Wieler & Co.
 N. PENDLETON, American ship, 1,385, J. N. Pendleton, 23rd August,—New York 19th April, Kerosene Oil.—Shewan & Co.
 PORTLAND LLOYDS, American bark, 1,180, A. H. Forbes, 13th July,—New York 16th March, Petroleum.—Shewan & Co.
 STANFIELD, British bark, 590, J. Clark, 3rd July,—Sourabaya 14th June, Ballast.—Captain.
 WESTERN BELLE, American bark, 1,074, L. C. Sweeney, 4th Sept.,—New York 14th May, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.
 ZEBINA GONDY, British bark, 1,087, E. E. Manning, 23rd August,—New York 18th April, Kerosene Oil.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

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